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SUBJECT; BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

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1. BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON
FROM FEBRUARY 23 TO FEBRUARY 27 RESULTED IN INITIALING
OF FOLLO'ING MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION:

2. QUOTE: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO
AND THE UNITED STATES HELD CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL
TEXTILE AGREEMEHT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING THE WEEK OF
FEPRUARY 23, 1 76.

FOR THE FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR WHICH ENDS APRIL 30, 1976,
THE GOVERNMENTS AGREED THAT MEXICO MAY EXPORT TO THE UNITED
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INDICATED:

---	CATEGORY	SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT
---	200	15,700,000
---	223	8,000,000
---	122	800,000
---	116	125,000

FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT YEAR, BEGINNING MAY 1, 1976,
THE GOVERNMENTS AGREED THAT MEXICO MAY EXPORT TO THE UNITED
STATES IN THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION CATEGORIES THE
AMOUNTS INDICATED:

---	CATEGORY	SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT
---	200	24,000,000
---	205	3,500,000
---	213	23,000,000
		800,000

THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CEILINGS WILL APPLY BEGINNING
IN THE SECOND AGREEMENT YEAR IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED
IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE AGREEMENT:

---	CATEGORY	SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT
---	9/10	17,000,000
---	22/23	25,000,000
---	26/27	16,000,000
---	SUBLIMIT - DUCK	9,000,000
	223	10,500,000

NOTES TO EFFECT THE CHANGES IN THE SPECIFIC CEILINGS
WILL BE EXCHANGED PROMPTLY.

THE CONSULTATION LEVELS IN PARAGRAPH 8 AND IN ANNEX A,
EXCEPT AS CHANGED IN THIS MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION,
WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY. END QUOTE

3. ALTHOUGH GOM HAS EARLIER INDICATED THAT IT WISHED TO
DISCUSS REMOVING CATEGORIES 201 AND 202 FROM THE AGREE-
MENT, MEXICAN DELEGATION DECLINED TO DISCUSS U.S.
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PROPOSAL FOR "PACKAGE" WHICH WOULD HAVE PLACED THESE
CATEGORIES IN A SPECIAL GROUP OUTSIDE THE AGREEMENT WHILE
REDUCING QUOTA LEVELS FOR OTHER PRODUCTS UNDER THE
AGREEMENT. MEXICAN DELEGATION ALSO DID NOT TAKE UP
ALTERNATIVE U.S. OFFER TO ALLOW INCREASES IN SPECIFIC
LIMITS ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES DURING FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR
IN EXCHANGE FOR REDUCTION IN CERTAIN LIMITS DURING
SECOND AND THIRD AGREEMENT YEARS.

4. CONSULTATIONS WERE CORDIAL THROUGHOUT. HOWEVER, MEXICAN DELEGATION WAS NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF AGREEMENT TO ALLOW MEXICAN EXPANSION IN CATEGORIES 201/202. GOM APPARENTLY STILL UNCERTAIN OF LEVELS OF SHIPMENTS IN THESE CATEGORIES FOR SECOND AGREEMENT YEAR, AND THEREFORE UNWILLING TO MAKE REDUCTION IN QUOTA AVAILABILITY FOR OTHER CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE POSSIBLE EXPANSION IN 201/202. MEXICAN DELEGATION INDICATED GOM MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AGAIN AT LATER DATE. KISSINGER

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